

REMARKS

Consideration of the amendments is respectfully requested. The amendments find support in the application as originally filed and adds no new matter pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(f). The amendments are made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-6, 8 and 11-12 are pending in this application.

Claims 7 and 9-10 were previously cancelled.

Claims 1-6, 8 and 11-12 are rejected.

Claim 12 is amended to correct typographical errors.

Claims**Rejection under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by
Akira Urakoshi (US 6,067,564)**

In paragraphs 1-8, pages 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-5, 8 and 11-12 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Akira Urakoshi (US 6,067,564). Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection for the reasons set forth below.

Applicant's invention provides a plurality of time-period based entries for each user in which to enter different spending limits. For example, in the embodiment shown in FIGS. 7A and 7B, the user can enter a spending limit for any single event and a spending limit for a month. In FIG. 8, multiple spending-limit entries are provided to enter limits for a day, a week, a month and a year, if desired. The user can selectively actuate one or more of the spending-limit entries

so that the system can track their spending for each “*different-length time period*.”

Claim 1 reads as follows:

1. A method for processing user programming request, comprising the steps of:
 detecting a user request;
 providing a plurality of selectively actuatable entries for single-user spending limits each spending limit being associated with a different-length time period, in response to the user request;
 receiving selection of at least one of the plurality of selectively actuatable entries and a spending limit for the selected at least one of the plurality of selectively actuatable entries; and
 tracking user spending during the time period associated with each selected entry. (Emphasis added)

In the Office Action, the Examiner has mischaracterized Urakoshi. Specifically, Urakoshi **does not** teach “*a plurality of selectively actuatable entries for single-user spending limits each spending limit being associated with a different-length time period*” as claimed. Instead, Urakoshi provides a plurality of entries and all entries are associated with a single “specified period of time.” In contrast to Applicant’s invention, Urakoshi **does not** describe, suggest or display any means that would enable each row of the charge management setting display screen shown in FIG. 3 to be associated with a “*different-length time period*.” FIG. 4 of Urakoshi provides a user setting screen, but such screen **does not** provide for entries with “*different-length time*” periods. Furthermore, there is no teaching that the system of Urakoshi functions to utilize at any one time data entered via the charge management setting display screen of FIG. 3 for “*different-length*” time periods.

While the same user’s name could be entered into the data entry field under the “NAME” column of Urakoshi, as best seen in FIGS. 3-4, to provide a plurality of single-user spending

limits, each row in FIG. 3 is still only for the same “a specified period of time”, as described in column 4, lines 25-30 and lines 64-67, and column 5, lines 14-20 and lines 50-54. An example of “a specified period of time” is described as “within a month” in column 4, lines 64-67. Also, the “sum of viewing charges within a specified period of time is cleared and reset to zero by calendar means . . . when the month changes. For example, the sum is cleared when the date becomes the first day of the month,” as described in column 5, lines 50-54.

Moreover, the entries of Urakoshi **are not** both “selectively actuatable” and “for single-user spending limits” functioning in the manner claimed. Finally, with regard to the “tracking” step, Urakoshi **does not** teach “tracking user spending during the time period associated with each selected entry,” especially, when more than one entry is selected for a single user.

The Examiner’s argument on page 2, paragraph 7, lines 7-13 of the Office Action states that:

Urakoshi can be easily used for a single user with multiple entries for multiple time limits (See Urakoshi figures 3, 4, 5 and associated texts, as well as column 4, lines 3-68, and column 5, lines 1-58)... Urakoshi teaches the means of multiple entries of limits and times and assigned them to the same person.

The Examiner is mistaken. First, the description of Urakoshi **does not** describe such operation. In fact, the description of Urakoshi **does not** show the same name repeated in multiple data fields under the column “NAME” of FIG. 3. Instead, a different name is entered in each different data entry field under the column “NAME.” There is **no** teaching that the system of Urakoshi would even allow creating multiple spending limits for the same user using the screens of FIGS. 3 and 4.

Second, even if Urakoshi functions to permit the same name and same personal data to be

associated with multiple data entry fields, there is **no** such teaching in Urakoshi with regard to “*multiple time limits*” or “*different-length*” time periods, as claimed in the subject application. Contrary to Applicant’s invention, Urakoski’s invention provides a single spending limit entry per user, all spending limits are for a single “*specified period of time.*”

In FIG. 19 of Urakoshi, a price range for programs is entered via two entries. The first entry is the start of the price range. The second entry is for the end of the price range. Thus, Urakoski’s invention **does not** provide multiple entries for a single user, each entry being for a “*different-length time period.*”

In view of the foregoing remarks, Claim 1 is allowable over Urakoshi and the corresponding rejection under 35 USC 102(e) should be withdrawn. Since Claims 2-4 depend from independent Claim 1, then for the same reasons set forth above with regard to Claim 1, these dependent claims are also allowable over Urakoshi and the corresponding rejection under 35 USC 102(e) should be withdrawn.

Claims 5, 11 and 12 are similar to Claim 1. Thus, in view of the foregoing remarks regarding Claim 1, Claims 5, 11 and 12 are also allowable over Urakoshi and the corresponding rejections under 35 USC 102(e) should be withdrawn. Since Claims 6 and 8 depend from Claim 5, then for the same reasons set forth above with regard to Claim 5, these dependent claims are also allowable over Urakoshi and the corresponding rejections under 35 USC 102(e) should be withdrawn.

With regard to Claims 2 and 8, Urakoshi **does not** teach tracking based on a “rolling” basis. The texts set forth by the Examiner do not describe the “rolling” basis. Thus, these claims are also allowable over Urakoshi and the corresponding rejections under 35 USC 102(e)

should be withdrawn.

**Rejected under 35 USC 103(a), as being anticipated by
Akira Urakoshi (US 6,067,564)**

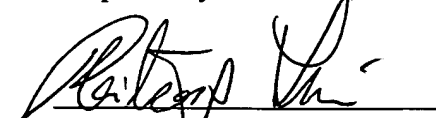
In paragraphs 9-11 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Akira Urakoshi (US 6,067,564).

Since Urakoshi **does not** teach different time limits, there is no reason to modify Urakoshi with comparing spending limits to determine if the spending limit for a shorter period is greater than a spending limit for a longer period. Furthermore, the modification to Urakoshi **does not** provide the limitations set forth in Claim 5. Accordingly, Claim 6 is allowable over the prior art of record and the rejection under 35 USC 103(a) should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, the Applicant believes that he has overcome all of the Examiner's basis for rejection, and that this application therefore stands in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Applicant requests that he contact their undersigned attorney in order to resolve any outstanding issues without the necessity of issuing another Office Action.

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